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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: ANEURYSM BUTTRESS ARRANGEMENT  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patent  
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 11, 2006 for which a response is due on March 11, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.